CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Arina_t04-0092.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1900162.005
Medium:	Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	10 June 2019
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	10 June 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. It is a highly sexualised image of a young girl. The image is clearly intended to arouse those with a sexual interest in children. The availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of this sexual interest by presenting children as available and appropriate subjects for adult sexual arousal. The objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention to limit the availability of publications that tend to promote or support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes, and also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from such exploitation.